

Indiana Joins National Meth Awareness Day

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J. David Donahue, Commissioner

Indianapolis, Indiana - (November 28, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue has declared [Meth Awareness Day](#) for the Indiana Department of Correction on November 30, 2006. All DOC employees and visitors are encouraged to wear a purple ribbon to show their support of offenders in the recovery of methamphetamine addiction.

"In an effort to generate awareness about the damaging effects of methamphetamine abuse on individuals, families and communities, the Department is excited to participate in and host events dedicated to the treatment of methamphetamine in prisons," said Commissioner Donahue.

Since the opening of the nation's first prison-based methamphetamine treatment unit in April 2005 at the Miami Correctional Facility, the Department has expanded to four facilities offering the Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) programs. There are two adult male facilities, one female and one juvenile facility run 15 hours a day, seven days a week. The units are overseen by professionally trained staff and managed in a self-contained wing of the prison that can hold up to 200 inmates of all classifications.

By completing the 6-to-9 month voluntary treatment program, offenders are eligible to six-month time cuts. To date, there have been 530 adult males, 71 adult females and 29 juvenile offenders to graduate from the CLIFF program. The Department's statistics show that there has been an initial recidivism rate of 2.78% for CLIFF graduates.

"Education, public outreach and treatment are at the heart of the re-entry program and the 2006 Methamphetamine Awareness Day will play an important role in highlighting Indiana's efforts to increase awareness and decrease dependence on this highly addictive and dangerous drug," added Donahue.

To celebrate recovery and support the offenders in the program, each facility will show the "Faces of

Methamphetamine" video and distribute informational flyers.

The Indiana Department of Correction will join Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for Indiana's Southern District and representatives from the Criminal Justice Institute at DePauw University to promote methamphetamine awareness on Thursday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m., in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Union Building.

Methamphetamine Awareness Open Houses will be held at the following CLIFF unit locations on November 30th:

Miami Correctional Facility

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Media Contact: Ann Hubbard

765.689.8920

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Media Contact: Rich Larsen

812.398.5050

Rockville Correctional Facility

1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Media Contact: Pam Ferguson

765.569.3178

Logansport Juvenile Facility

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Mark Harmon

574.753.7571

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

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